

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN TITLE I

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## Law/History

- ▣ Parental Involvement has always been a part of Title I
- ▣ Became a part of statute under ESEA/NCLB Act of 2001
- ▣ Built upon four pillars:
  - Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning,
  - Parents should be actively involved in their child's education at school,
  - Parents should be included in the decision-making process to assist in the education of their child, and
  - Other activities under ESEA section 1118 should be carried out fully in order to assist in building parental capacity to assist in their child's education

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## SEA Responsibilities

- ❑ State must support effective parental involvement policies and practices
- ❑ Provide technical assistance to districts and schools
- ❑ Must review LEA parental involvement activities
- ❑ Shall give parents access to district/school important information through a State Report Card
- ❑ Make sure that parental notifications are being communicated to public

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## District Responsibilities

- ❑ Must have a policy that states the district's expectations for parental involvement
- ❑ Shall be developed with parental input
- ❑ Will be reviewed, evaluated, and updated annually with parents
- ❑ Help build school capacity for strong parental involvement
- ❑ Must inform parents that they can request information about the professional qualifications of staff who work with their child
- ❑ Shall report to parents about the progress of the schools
- ❑ All information to the parents must be in a language and format they can understand

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## District Responsibilities cont.

- ❑ Allow for private school participation in Title I
- ❑ Establish a complaint procedure
- ❑ Parental involvement set aside if allocation exceeds \$500,000
- ❑ Parents shall be involved in allocating parental involvement set aside
- ❑ Assist schools not making AYP in the development of improvement plans

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## School Responsibilities

- ❑ Must develop, with parents of children who participate in Title I, a written parental involvement policy and a school-parent compact
- ❑ School level notifications
- ❑ Must work to involve parents in planning, reviewing, improving, and evaluating the Title I program
- ❑ Must have yearly meetings about the Title I program
- ❑ Must inform parents of the school's academic achievement progress

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## Parent Capacity

- District and school must help parents understand:
  - The state's academic content and student achievement standards
  - State and local assessments
  - Parental involvement requirements under Title I
  - How to monitor student progress and assist teachers to improve their child's progress
- Types of assistance to parents:
  - Family literacy nights
  - Internet training
  - Parenting training

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## Parent Capacity cont.

- Should be encouraged to volunteer in the classroom
- Treat parents as equal partners
- Allowable costs for parent involvement:
  - Reasonable transportation and childcare costs
  - In-home conferences
  - Workshops and travel expenses
  - Food

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## District-level notifications

- ▣ Annual report cards on student achievement
- ▣ Yearly progress review
- ▣ Schools identified for improvement, corrective action, and restructuring
- ▣ Public School Choice and SES
- ▣ District level parental involvement policy
- ▣ Complaint procedures
- ▣ Parent's right to know
- ▣ Notifications for aspects of LEP
- ▣ Copies and timelines can be located on the district's TransACT.com account (ACCT-A3)

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## School-level notifications

- ▣ Parental involvement policies
- ▣ Parent's right to know-student achievement
- ▣ Parent's right to know-non highly qualified teachers
- ▣ Yearly Title I, Part A meeting
- ▣ Copies and timelines can be located on the district's TransACT.com account (ACCT-A3)

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## Resources

- ▣ USED Non-Regulatory Guidance:  
[www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc)
- ▣ OPI: [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)-> Programs-> Title Programs-> Title I Programs-> Title I Part A, Improving Basic Programs-> Parental Information and Guidance tab
- ▣ OPI: [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov)-> Programs-> Title Programs-> Title I Programs-> Resources for Parents tab
- ▣ TransACT.com website

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